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Is Your Name Gardner?

Do you know that:

Gardner has been used extensively as a surname for a number of centuries. The consensus of opinion among authorities on the origin of names is that it was applied, when surnames came into vogue, to those who were engaged in the tilling of the soil. It is said also that, in its Scottish usage, Gardner is obtained from the Gaelic "gair" and "dun", meaning respectively "signal" and "hill," and therefore, was often applied to those whose homes were on a high stretch of land.

Among the high ranking officers who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War was Colonel John Gardner (1750-1807) of the Chester County, Pennsylvania, troops.

As additional evidence that members of the Gardner family were among the early settlers of this country, it should be noted that the first census of the United States, taken in 1790, has 44 listings of persons by the name of Gardner who were residents of Pennsylvania and heads of families at that time.

Sixty years later, the Pennsylvania census records for the year 1850 contained 460 listings of persons by the name of Gardner, one of whom lived in Wayne County. The latter was Philip Gardner of Manchester Township.

Egbert Gardner and Warren Gardner, both of Manchester Township, served as volunteers in the Pennsylvania troops at the time of the Civil War.

Alson Gardner was elected auditor of Wayne County in 1845.

According to the Honesdale directory for the year 1931, Mrs. Sarah Gardner lived at 1037 Main Street.

"Gardner History and Genealogy" is a genealogical record of the family compiled by Lillian May and Charles Morris Gardner and printed by the Erie Printing Company, Erie, Pa., in 1907. It is a substantial work consisting of 405 pages.

Henry Joseph Gardner (1818-1892) was governor of Massachusetts. Frederick Dozier Gardner (1869-1933) was governor of Missouri. Oliver Max Gardner (1882-1947) was governor of North Carolina.

Frank Deane Gardner (1864-1963) was professor of agronomy, Pennsylvania State University.

Grandison Gardner (1892-1973) was major general, U.S. Air Force.

David Pierpont Gardner is president, University of Utah.

Richard Hartwell Gardner is treasurer, Mobil Oil Corporation, with offices in New York City.

Charles Wesley Gardner is professor of psychiatry, Yale University.